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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 129404 ACTION ANKARA JUNE 17, 1974

QUOTE S E C R E T STATE 129404

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, GR, US, TU

SUBJECT: U.S. AIRCRAFT SALES TO GREECE

REF: STATE 128464

1. IN ATHENS ON JUNE 14, USG AND GOG REPRESENTATIVES CON-  
CLUDED AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR SALE OF SIXTY A-7 (260 MIL-  
LION DOLS.) AND FORTY T-2 (60 MILLION DOLS) AIRCRAFT. WITH  
REGARD TO USG FINANCING, US NEGOTIATORS WERE INSTRUCTED  
TO ADVISE GOG TEAM THAT ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED  
71 MILLION DOLS. IN FMS CREDITS FOR GREECE IN FY 75 AND  
THAT WE SHALL PURSUE OUR INTENTION OF PROVIDING FMS FROM  
ACTUAL FY 75 AUTHORIZATIONS NOT TO EXCEED 71 MILLION DOLS.,  
TO SUPPORT AIRCRAFT PURCHASE. ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO GUARANTEE  
SPECIFIC FUNDING LEVELS FOR FOLLOWING YEARS IN WHICH  
FINANCING WILL BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE PAYMENTS FOR AIRCRAFT,  
WE SHALL DO OUR BEST TO ASSURE THAT FMS CREDITS ARE  
PROVIDED. (FYI: WE HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENTS TO GOG RE  
INDIRECT-DIRECT FMS CREDIT MIX OR CREDIT TERMS. END FYI.)  
TO ENSURE THAT OUR OFFER WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO LATER  
GREEK MISINTERPRETATION, DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED FOLLOWING  
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LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TASCA TO GOG DEFENSE MINISTER:

QUOTE IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S REQUIREMENT TO HAVE A REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF FINANCING WITHIN EXISTING LEGISLATIVE CONSTRAINTS TO SUPPORT ITS PURCHASE OF A-7, T-2 AND C-130 AIRCRAFT, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNDERTAKES TO PROVIDE FMS CREDITS OR GUARANTEES IN FY 1975, NOT TO EXCEED 71 MILLION DOLS. THE AMOUNT IS SUBJECT TO THE ENACTMENT BY THE U.S. CONGRESS OF THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATION, THE CONTINUANCE OF LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY, AND UNFORESEEN GLOBAL CONTINGENCIES. IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, WE SHALL ENDEAVOR TO MAKE FMS CREDITS AND/OR GUARANTEES AVAILABLE TO GREECE FOR THIS PURPOSE. END QUOTE.

2. REFTEL PROVIDES PRESS GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBLE USE ON CONTINGENCY BASIS HERE AND IN ATHENS. SHOULD GOT OR TURKISH PRESS RAISE AIRCRAFT SALE WITH EMBASSY, YOU MAY DRAW ON PARAS 1 AND 2 OF REFTEL AS APPROPRIATE.

3. TURKISH EMBASSY COUNSELOR GUVENDIREN TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT OFFICER JUNE 17 RE PRESS REPORT OF U.S. SALE OF U.S. AIRCRAFT TO GREECE. DEPARTMENT OFFICER CONFIRMED THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE GREEK PURCHASE OF A-7 AND T-2 AIRCRAFT, BUT REPLIED TO GUVENDIREN'S FURTHER QUESTIONS THAT WE COULD NOT TELL HIM EITHER NUMBERS OR COST OF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED SINCE IN TRANSACTIONS OF THIS TYPE RELEASE OF SUCH INFORMATION IS LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE PURCHASING GOVERNMENT. GUVENDIREN ASKED ABOUT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE A-7'S AND T-2'S. DEPT OFFICER SAID WE HAVE REQUESTED 71 MILLION DOLS. IN FMS IN FY 75 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT AND THAT WE EXPECT WHATEVER PORTION OF THIS IS FINALLY APPROPRIATED WILL BE APPLIED TO THE AIRCRAFT PURCHASE. HE ADDED THAT NO SUCH AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE, HOWEVER. GUVENDIREN ALSO ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE SALE OF C-130'S TO THE GREEKS. DEPT OFFICER TOLD HIM THAT IN VIEW OF THE GREEK ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION PLANS, IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF THE GREEKS SOUGHT NEW TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, BUT DENIED THAT ANY C-130'S HAVE BEEN SOLD TO THE GREEKS. (FYI: LETTER OF OFFER FOR C-130'S HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO GOG. LATTER HAS

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NOT MADE FINAL DECISION BUT MAY PURCHASE UP TO 12 SUCH AIRCRAFT. UNQUOTE SISCO

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